



Foggy Bottom News

Published for and by the Citizens of Foggy Bottom

NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY, APRIL 25

**The Future of
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8 PM St. Paul's Parish House
2430 'K' Street, NW

Foggy Bottom Art Show

Once again, the Foggy Bottom Association is pleased to sponsor a neighborhood art show. This event is scheduled for Sunday, May 15, to be held in the courtyard of the Intrigue Hotel, 824 New Hampshire Ave., NW, between 1 and 5PM (weather permitting). The talents of our artistic community, coupled with a bit of wine and cheese, is the offering. In addition, there will be a drawing for a print donated by German-born actress, Elke Sommer, last displayed at the '76 Washington Art Festival.

Exhibits will be limited to paintings, prints and sculptures for sale/show. Prospective entrants should contact Dick Palco (337-4910) after 5:15PM for information in this regard.

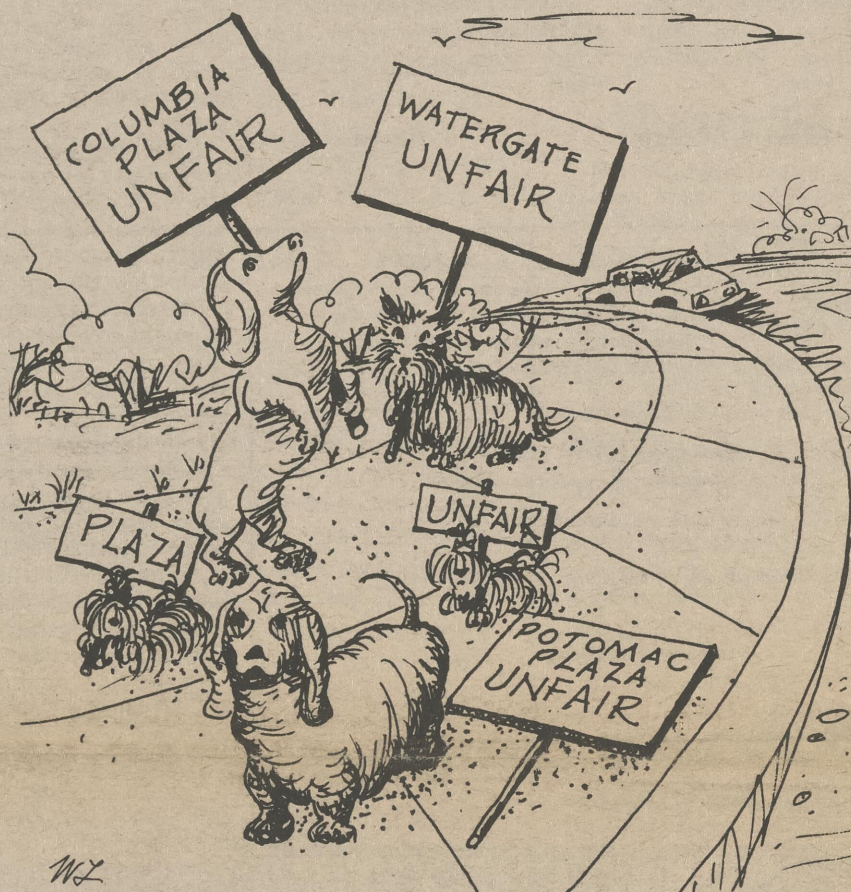
Let's hope that the weather is good, the winds are fair, that the entries are redeeming and meritorious, and that all have a pleasant and enriched time.

Town Meeting

Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy is hosting a Town Meeting for Ward II on Wednesday, April 27, 1977 to discuss with residents such matters as Taxes, Housing, Employment, Health, Energy, the Economy, the relationship between the Congress and the District of Columbia along with a broad spectrum of other issues. This gathering is for all who live in Ward II (i.e., Foggy Bottom Southwest, Dupont Circle, Capitol Hill, Southeast) and for all stripes of political persuasion (Democrats, Republicans, Statehood, Independent and even for those who are unregistered

The Town Meeting will be held at 7:00PM in the Commerce Department Auditorium, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., N.W. and refreshments will be served. If you have transportation problems or other questions, please call 275-0171 for further information. Hope to see you there.

The Urban Scene



Personally, I can sympathize with the picketing that took place in front of the statue of Juarez in the Circle fronted by Watergate and the three Foggy Bottom Plazas. The picketing had been precipitated by the letter to the Editor of the Foggy Bottom News from the President of the Board of Directors of The Plaza. He had been upset by News articles and by "the effects of dogs being walked on the lawn area on the south end of The Plaza".

Anyone who travels sidewalks that converge at Watergate Safeway would recognize the picketers. The largest was the big, bouncy sheepdog from the rowhouse areas; the smallest were the two Yorkshire ter-

riers—always together; the saddest were the two Basset hounds that are likewise inseparable; there was a black Scottie from Watergate and a Golden retriever from Columbia Plaza. They were agitated and needed no urging to speak.

The Basset hounds were first; one said: "Every spring its the same—letters to the Editor and talk, talk, talk, and nothing's ever done about it". The second: "And there will be a letter from the lady telling people to carry 'doggie dippers' (long handled tongs), and a doggie bag. Who knows where to get 'doggie dippers'!" The Yorkies: "We should write Amy Carter; she would do something about it!"

Actually it was the Columbia Plaza Golden retriever, agitated by the Scottie visiting his lawn each morning, who had the first practical suggestion: "The National Park Service should plant bushes in the lawn area over the E street Expressway (on the south side of Virginia Ave., between Columbia plaza and the Circle); the bushes would hide us, and there could be stepping stones for people".

"And Watergate could at least have Safeway carry 'doggie dippers'", blurted one of the Yorkies. The Scottie ended it with; "I can just see a Mink Coat carrying 'doggie dippers'!"

Fox von Boom

ANC Business Meeting

May 4 Wednesday 8 PM
St. Paul's Parish Hall
2430 K Street, NW



March FBA meeting; L to r: John Brophy, D.C. Dept. of Transportation; Patty Fairbairn, Municipal Planning Office; Doug Schneider, Dept. of Transportation; Bob Charles, FBA Pres.; Dirck Holscher, FBA Vice Pres.

Letters to the Editor

Open letter to Foggy Bottom Association members & friends:

Dear Editor:

Thank you for reporting the intriguing story of the order to close the Intrigue door facing New Hampshire Avenue. As one of the protestants at the ABC Hearing on March 1, I would like to thank publicly the many Foggy Bottom residents who signed the petition and wrote letters to the ABC Board objecting to the violation.

I would also like to thank our Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners for their support and assistance. Only such community effort will protect the residential character of our neighborhood from encroaching commercialization.

Herbert C. Madison

Dear Editor,

In checking your publication I note that perhaps a new editorial service is needed: proofreading. On page seven of Volume 21, No. 5, February, 1977, in the second ad from the top of the page I note that "supurb" food is advertised. While this spelling might be acceptable for a restaurant advertising in a newspaper in the suburban area of Washington, I do not think it is acceptable within the city proper. I believe that you would do well to use the more correct "superb".

My firm is able to provide any additional editorial services which your newspaper might need.

Sincerely yours,

John Boyles

Foggy Bottom Farmer



The rigors of Winter '77 were most devastating to the broad leaved evergreens—the evergreen privets, and small leafed hollies (Ilex) that make our most attractive clipped hedges, but not so now. However, for most of these, new life has begun to show and with a regimen of pruning, fertilizing, watering and mulching, recovery is assured.

If the new buds are confined primarily to the base of the plant, cut back completely to six or eight inches above the ground; otherwise, about half way. Cultivate the soil, add a complete fertilizer, and water regularly when the soil dries; later you can place the pine bark mulch—a next winter as well as this summer benefit.

Individual winter-effected or otherwise weakened plants should be pruned in such a way as to retain the desired shape while reducing the top by thinning branches and cutting them back to live buds that will point the direction of the new growth. The "bud's the thing"; choose it with the study and precision of an Alexander Calder doing a mobile.

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William S. Lattin

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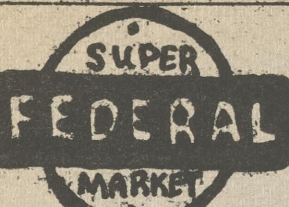
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SEEN AROUND THE BOTTOM

If I'm going to continue with this column there is one thing for sure, I am going to have to learn to spell (our Editor trusts me and doesn't "really" read my stuff). Seems I don't know the difference between a MORNING DOVE and a MOURNING DOVE.

Thank you, Mrs. Vickers, I will associate a SAD DOVE with those pretty birds around the Potomac Plaza from here on out and will remember that it is "Mourning". You know, it wasn't just my spelling; I really didn't know the difference. (Ed. Note: I didn't either ...)

Bad news and good news: Mike Dickens, Mgr. of Guest Quarters has taken a six month leave of absence from the GQ. Mike and his lovely wife Denise have taken off "to do Europe up in style". It is Denise's first trip; before leaving they were so excited that they hardly needed airplane transportation.

Mike has been a strong Foggy Bottom supporter and his activities will be missed. Jim Smith, from Atlanta, has settled into the Manager's job and again Ellie Becker has new neighbors; the Smiths will live in the Bottom. After Jim catches his breath, we'll catch him for the FBA.

Have you ever noticed the areaways in the Bottom? You know, the small walkways between two houses, from front to back. This is an interesting feature of some of our Bottom houses—a feature fast disappearing as more houses get torn down (so look now).

Some of us who have been around awhile can remember many a youngster racing through the areaways and can still see the "Ice Man" and the "Milk Man" trotting through the areaway to the "Back Door" and hear the words "Don't get my floor dirty; wipe your feet".

As I write this column all of Foggy Bottom (and all of Washington for that matter)—everywhere you look—is really in bloom. The single and double cherry trees are loaded with beautiful white and pink blooms (fuller and prettier than those around the Tidal Basin, in my opinion); the "Judas" trees abound with purple blossoms, the late blooming tulip magnolia trees are faring better than their early blooming relatives which were hurt by the cold, wind and rain; dogwoods are out early and tulips are in full bloom in some areas (The Washington Circle is as pretty as ever).

The multi-colored hyacinths and miniature red tulips at Howard Johnson's Restaurant are lovely. I've never seen such a small tulip; have you? The 26th Street Hill overlooking Rock Creek driveway and the Freeway is a real treat with its beautiful flowering trees and forsythia. And the violets at the Catholic Girls Academy at 26th and K Streets were so pretty I couldn't resist sticking my hand through the fence!

Thank you to all those residents who have such lovely "yards" for us to enjoy. For those of you who walk around the Bottom in the morning before the heavy traffic starts you must love the singing and chirping of the birds. Eye Street between 24th and 25th has a group of birds

with a sound to warm your heart; particularly in a crowded city.

One of the beautiful Cherry Trees on New Hampshire Avenue got knocked down and pulled up by its roots by something—truck, bus, car. Such a pity people are so careless and thoughtless - didn't even stop. Some caring neighbor called the city quickly and they came and replanted the tree; hopefully it will live.

Looking out my window the other morning I actually saw a lady move her pekinese dog from the "tree box" to the gutter—she really curbed the dog; I hardly believed my eyes! Thank you, thank you.

Have you tried recently to report a street light out, report excessive airplane noise, reach the Mayor's complaint Center? The frustration at listening to those darn recorders is enough to give one ulcers. I say down with records; let's get some honest to god people back into servicing the public.

The Adult Program at St. Mary's is going strong these days—from art to music, to dancing and dance exercise, to home safety and health, to legal counseling—you name it; they've got it. Good Show, Diane Tucker; keep it up.

One day when the March wind wasn't blowing me off my feet (hard to do with my weight) I walked down to the river to see what damage the cold winter had done to the area. I found the grass, shrubbery, hedges and trees had suffered there just as much as in the rest of the Bottom. NPS was hard at work repairing some of the damage but they couldn't do much about the river. Oh, what a dirty mess it was.

If you know anyone, some official environmentalists, talk to them about cleaning up our beautiful Potomac River. Such a shame to see it so dirty. I can remember when it was fit to swim in.

I was at a meeting in the Commerce Department Building at 14th and E Sts. the other day and when it was over I decided to go down to the lower floor to visit the National Aquarium (nothing to do with the Bottom but something for Bottomites to do). I hadn't been there in 20 years or more. It is still just as interesting and as educational as I remembered. You might want to go; it is open from 9-5 every day; admission is free. Pick a gloomy dull day and see how bright it suddenly becomes when you see all those beautiful colored fish.

The aquarium is the oldest in the country (1888), is maintained by the Fish and Wildlife Service, US Dept. of Interior. I can remember when it was located at 6th and Independence Ave., S.W. and I used to roller skate up and down the steps from the front entrance to the street—with guards running as hard as they could to chase "all us kids away"; we really weren't much interested in the fish; just the good skating area.

The aquarium now has about 600 specimens of sea life, representing about 200 species throughout the world. On my visit I saw Tropical Sea Horses (oranges, yellows, browns), Clown Triggerfish (such beautiful yellows you wouldn't be-

lieve); Stone Fish and Lion Fish (both very poisonous), Long Nose Gars, paddle Fish, rainbow trout and salmon, sharks, beautiful fish from the Pacific and Indo-Pacific Reefs and from the Amazon, local area fish and crabs—colors and shapes were unbelievable, purples, blues, brilliant yellows and golds, black and white stripes and multi-colors galore.

There is an extremely interesting exhibit in the aquarium—Comparative Animal Physiology Human to Fish. I learned a lot about my own anatomy as well as that of the fish. If you've never been to the aquarium, or like me haven't been for a long time, try it; you'll like it—alone or with a friend; it's wonderful either way.

Heaven forbid; let's NOT have RIGHT TURN ON RED in FOGGY BOTTOM; if we do a lot of us won't be here for long - literally.

Mary E. Healy

A SOCKDOLOGER

A wild, wonderful, zany political satire called the "Slightly Raucous Caucus" just opened within walking distance of Foggy Bottom. The four-person troupe is young, the pace lively, and they dead-pan their production company as "Deadfromthe-neckup". Their quest for comedy and social commentary is matched only by the Administration's zeal for universal love. Nothing is sacred — targets range from the Redskins to Ronald Reagan, Doris Kearns to Sally Quinn, John Dean to Robert

Dole along with a host of other luminaries.

This revue plays twice each Friday and Saturday evening at the Metropolitan Hotel, 1143 New Hampshire, N.W., and reservations are suggested (833-2292). Admission is \$3 plus a two-drink minimum. Don't miss this one!



Flower Show

On Thursday, April 28 and Friday, April 29 a Flower Show will be held at the Home of the Incurables, 3720 Upton Street, N.W. The theme of the show, Travels in Literary Fantasy, is expected to produce many beautiful, imaginative arrangements done by members of the Trowel Club and the Georgetown Garden Club.

The show will be judged by Garden Club of America judges coming over from Baltimore. Many fine horticulture specimens will also be exhibited. The hours are 12:30 to 4: on April 28 and 10:30 to 3: on the 29th. Admission is free.

Oriental Art Show

*The Potomac Plaza branch of the McLachlen National Bank has joined the latest in enlightened industrial and commercial trends—they are encouraging the arts. This office, at 2425 Virginia Avenue, which for years has provided the comfortable atmosphere of a private bank, has been enriched by an elegant and selected collection of oriental art. This certainly makes transacting bank business more pleasant and the wait in line more interesting.

*A veritable Asian tour, the exhibition ranges from very ancient Chinese bronzes to 20th Century cloisonne. Jades, porcelains, lacquer, ivories, snuff bottles and sculpture provide the viewer with a cross-section of Far Eastern culture. The items are for purchase as well as exhibition and the prices range from \$3.50 to the thousands of dollars. *The curator of the collection, Nancy Schwob, is carefully documenting each object as to its origin, often with historical vignettes. The scholarship which has gone into the selection of what is displayed comes from Miss Schwob who with considerable facility describes the exhibition and answers questions.

*The origin of the exhibit is S. KREGIER, Inc., 712 - 12th Street N.W., a store which for thirty years has been a purveyor of oriental art. To collectors and the public at large. Mr. Kriger heads the Asian Cultural Exchange Foundation, a non-profit institution which has donated more than fifty collections of oriental art to various educational institutions throughout the nation.

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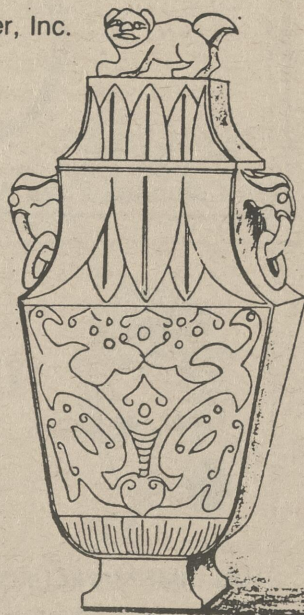
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make a call to one of the numbers above.

A lot of other people (and we hope it's not our neighbors) are using our streets to discard their unwanted cars (as if our parking problem were not already bad enough). If you see an abandoned car, report it to the Environmental Alert Center (EAC) at 399-3900. The EAC, which is part of the Environmental Services Department, now share responsibility for abandoned autos with the Police Department.

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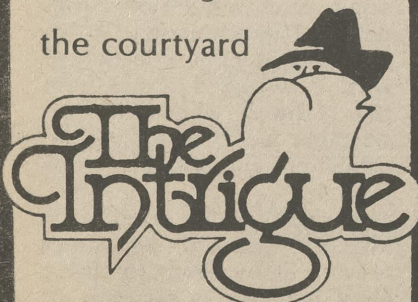
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